Persons registered with employment exchanges

975. SHRI PRASANTA CHATTERJEE: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of employment exchanges in the country (State-wise);

(b) the number of persons enrolled during last three years (State-wise); and

(c) the number of persons waiting for employment as on 30th June, 2005?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI K. CHANDRASEKHAR RAO): (a) and (c) State-wise details of the number of employment exchages in the country at present and the number of jobseekers waiting for jobs as on June 30, 2005 is given in the Statement—I (See below).

(b) State-wise details of number of jobseekers registered during 2002, 2003,2004 are given in Statement II.

Statement—I

The number of Employment Exchanges and the number of Jobseekers on the Live Register as on 30th *June,* 2005.

SI. No.	State/Union Territories	Employment Exchanges as on 30.06.2005 (In Actual Number)	No . of jobseekers on the Live Register of Employment Exchanges as on 30th June, 2005 (In Thousand)
1	2	3	4
1	Andhra Pradesh	31	2479.6
2	Arunachal Pradesh	10	23.4
3	Assam	52	1691.0
4	Bihar	37	1423.8
5	Chhattisgarh	18	1536.4
6	Delhi	14	930.7
7	Goa	1	651.8
8	Gujarat	42	100.8
9	Haryana	61	997.9
10	Himachal Pradesh	15	885.3
11	Jammu & Kashmir	14	114.1
12	Jharkhand	33	1189.5

1	2	3	4
13	Karnataka	40	1393.8
14	Kerala	86	3767.9
15	Madhya Pradesh	58	2099.6
16	Maharashtra	46	4423.0
17	Manipur	11	493.9
18	Meghalaya	11	38.2
19	Mizoram	3	33.0
20	Nagaland	7	44.5
21	Orissa	40	833.1
22	Punjab	46	460.7
23	Rajasthan	42	798.7
24	Sikkim*	—	—
25	Tamil Nadu	34	3826.0
26	Tripura	5	388.5
27	Uttaranchal	23	345.3
28	Uttar Pradesh	84	1971.8
29	West Bengal	75	7104.4
30	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	1	39.1
31	Chandigarh	2	63.7
32	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	1	6.5
33	Daman & Diu	2	10.2
34	Lakshadweep	1	11.2
35	Pondicherry	1	170.8
	TOTAL:	947	39824.2

NOTE: 1 *No Employment Exchange is functioning in this State.

2. Figures may not add up to total due to rounding off.

Statement—II

Number of registration made during 2002, 2003 and 2004 (In Thousand)-

SlNo	State/Union Territories	2002	2003	2004
1		3	4	5
1	Andhra Pradesh	377.8	223.5	290.8
2	Arunachal Pradesh	2.9	4.4	3.2
3	Assam	180.4	139.0	156.7
4	Bihar	164.4	134.7	134.7
5	Chhattisgarh	120.3	163.6	176.5
6	Delhi	125.0	80.1	87.3
7	Goa	12.2	12.5	4.6
8	Gujarat	220.9	273.3	197.7

1	2	3	4	5
9	Haryana	147.6	112.3	315.9
10	Himachal Pradesh	130.6	126.5	116.5
11	Jammu & Kashmir	21.5	31.3	21.2
12	Jharkhand	84.0	354.4	191.4
13	Karnataka	227.7	202.9	164.9
14	Kerala	434.9	437.9	414.4
15	Madhya Pradesh	399.6	419.7	383.2
16	Maharashtra	573.1	831.1	773.9
17	Manipur	11.7	38.4	15.6
18	Meghalaya	9.1	11.3	10.5
19	Mizoram	3.9	6.1	1.9
20	Nagaland	7.6	15.3	11.0
21	Orissa	127.1	149.2	244.3
22	Punjab	84.4	92.3	83.7
23	Rajasthan	145.9	235.0	209.6
24	Sikkim*	—	—	—
25	Tamil Nadu	467.9	441.5	595.8
26	Tripura	36.5	18.4	16.2
27	Uttaranchal	96.6	39.5	62.0
28	Uttar Pradesh	381.1	463.2	306.5
29	West Bengal	433.3	373.9	347.0
30	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	4.5	5.9	7.9
31	Chandigarh	12.6	9.0	9.0
32	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	0.5	0.4	0.7
33	Daman & Diu	1.2	0.7	0.7
34	Lakshadweep	1.0	1.2	0.8
35	Pondicherry	16.1	14.5	16.8
	TOTAL:	5064.0	5462.5	5373.0

NOTE: 1 *No Employment Exchange is functioning in this State.
2. Figures may not add up to total due to rounding off.

Reduction of Interest on P.F.

976. SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposed to reduce the rate of interest of Provident Fund during the year 2005-06; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?